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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street. SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Distribution Center

Dear Chairman Powell:

I'm writing in support of Qwest's proposal to re-enter the long distance market in South Dakota. There is no down side to allowing competition in the telecommunications market. Consumers only stand to benefit from the greater choices, higher quality service and lower rates that would surely follow Qwest's re-entry.

Of particular interest to me, and I'm sure to other consumers, is the possibility of bundled services at a lower cost. Currently, I'm writing multiple checks to multiple companies each month for local long distance and Internet services. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to avoid this hassle, find the best carrier for my needs and write one check each month.

In addition, I'd like the opportunity to save on my long distance bill. According to a recent study, South Dakota consumers could potentially save over \$16 million annually on their long distance bill when Qwest re-enters the long distance market.

I want the option of choosing one provider for all my telecommunications needs. Qwest's re-entry into the long distance market will make that option available to me. Therefore, I urge you to approve Qwest's proposal to compete in South Dakota's long distance market.

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